

WYCOMBE TAKE LEAD IN FRIENDLY

Sports Mail Special Report

PLAYING some attractive football, although at leisurely pace, Wycombe Wanderers soon established superiority over the Green Jackets in a friendly match at High Wycombe today, and were a comfortable three goals ahead at half-time.

Wycombe Wanderers: Brown; Beck, Lewis; Thomas, Fisher, Gale; Worley, Blair, James, Holmes, Rockell.

Green Jackets: Parsons; Crossingham, Hammond; Mutimer, North, Puddefoot; Cherry, Brock, Noel, Taylor, Gillham.

Referee: R Boyles (High Wycombe).

Although Wycombe were more prominent in attack early on, clever approach play was marred by lax finishing, and the home goalkeeper, Brown, was the first to be seriously tested, flinging himself across goal to save from Brock.

The Green Jackets' attack was well held by a competent defence, and Wycombe deservedly took the lead, after 16 minutes, when Rockell did well to reach a centre by Worley, and head back to HOLMES, who scored with a hard shot close in.

JAMES' GOALS

Eight minutes later, Blair, the lively schemer of many of the home attacks, provided a neat through pass, which enabled JAMES to score a second.

A little later, JAMES got away on his own, and added a third, with a powerful ground shot which went in off the upright.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 3, Green Jackets 0.

Ivor Ashby, the former Stokenchurch player, turned out in place of Holmes at inside left for Wycombe in the second half. BLAIR scored Wycombe's fourth.

JAMES was injured but later scored his third and Wycombe's fifth.

BROCK scored for Green Jackets.

RESULT:

WYCOMBE WANDERERS	5
GREEN JACKETS 1

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WYCOMBE WANDERERS produced some clever football in their friendly match with the 1st Green Jacket Regiment, and only some dour, fast work by the soldiers' goalkeeper, M. Parsons, kept the score down. Wanderers did most of the attacking and were three up at half-time with two goals from centre-forward Peter James and one from Holmes.

Blair, live wire of the home attack, and James scored two more in the second half before the Green Jackets staged a rally which brought a goal from centre forward Noel in the last couple of minutes.